

June 24, 2022



John M. Altman, Jr City Manager

Each week, the City Manager prepares an update for City Council, citizens, and City employees that addresses the status of major City projects, news, special events, and other matters of interest and Citywide accomplishments in the performance of our services to our citizens of Hopewell.

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#### **CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Hopewell Welcomes New Police Chief**



Hopewell, Virginia – The City of Hopewell welcomes Antonio "AJ" Starke as Chief for the Hopewell Police Department. Chief Starke served as interim police chief in Hopewell since December 2021. His permanent hiring is effective as of June 17, 2022.

Chief Starke served four years active duty in the United States Army. He earned his bachelor's degree from Virginia State University and his master's degree in criminal justice from Liberty University. He is a graduate of the 34th session of the Police Executive Leadership School and a graduate of the National Criminal Justice Command College.

"Chief Starke was a phenomenal addition to the City of Hopewell as interim Chief," said March Altman, Hopewell City Manager. "He immediately became a community-focused leader and achieved great success in just 6 short months. We're excited to welcome him to the City in a permanent capacity and for his future achievements with our police department."

Chief Starke began his law enforcement career in 1991 with the Chesterfield County Police Department. He has 30 years of policing experience, with the past nine years as a member of command staff at the rank of captain. Chief Starke held several command positions within the Chesterfield Police Department to include Office of Professional Standards, Personnel and Training, Special Operations, and the Information Services Division.



#### **COVID-19 NEWS**

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#### **COVID-19 in Virginia: Summary**



Dashboard Updated: 6/24/2022 Data entered by 5:00 PM the prior day.

#### Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

Total Cases\* 1,852,970

Total Hospital Admissions\*\*

Total Deaths

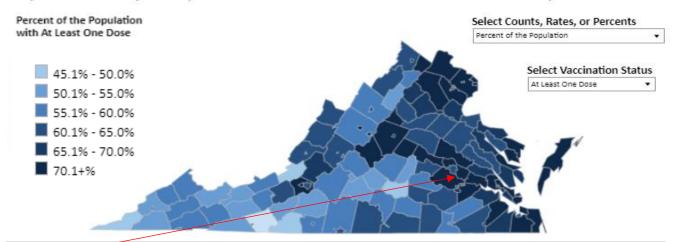
52,649

20,519

(New Cases: 2,980)^

Confirmed+ 1,324,024 Probable+ 528,946 Confirmed+ 49,450 Probable+ 3.199 Confirmed+ 17,130 Probable+ 3,389

#### People Vaccinated by Locality of Residence and Vaccination Status - Percent of the Population



#### Hopewell

Vaccine Doses Administered: 28,454
People with at Least One Dose: 13,129
People Fully Vaccinated: 12,104
People with Booster/Third Dose: 4,956

Percent of Adult Population with at Least One Dose: 70.2%
Percent of Adult Population Fully Vaccinated: 65.5%
Percent of Adult Population with Booster/Third Dose: 28.9%



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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Congratulations are in order for our Hopewell hometown Olympian!

Hopewell High School alumnus, Zach Brown, delivered an amazing performance during the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

Zach competed in Orlando June 4-12 representing Swim Team Virginia. He competed in:

- 50 YD Freestyle with a time of 27.11, earning a 1st Place Gold Medal
- 50 YD Butterfly with a time of 29.75, earning a 2nd Place Silver Medal
- Team Virginia placed 5th in their 4 X 50 Medley Relay (*Zach swam Butterfly*) with a time of 2:57.61.

Zach beat his personal times in his individual events during the 2022 USA Games!





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# GOOD TO GREAT



This Summer, Hopewell Police Department welcomes their inaugural class of students for the Good to Great Youth Intervention Program. Thirteen students from Hopewell City Public Schools, ages 14-17, began the program on Monday, June 20th.

The Good to Great program is a 7-week series that features workshops, mentorship, guest speakers, field trips, and a community project. The program is designed with 3 focal points: prevention, education, and socialization. Good to Great identifies solutions by providing support to Hopewell youth with the goal to reduce recidivism.

The development of Good to Great is a collaboration between Hopewell Police Department, Hopewell's new police chief, A.J. Starke, Hopewell City Public Schools, Hopewell Courts, and City community members. The program was recently awarded funding in the amount of \$23,271 from the John Randolph Foundation.

"We are examining ways to battle the uptick in crime," said Hopewell Police Chief, AJ Starke. "We understand we can't just arrest our way to a solution. Through this program we'll be teaching coping skills, offering genuine support, and strengthening relationships. This is not a police program, it is a community program."

Good to Great will continue to be offered during Hopewell School's intercessions. Upon successful completion and graduation, youth participants will become a member of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association will provide further check-ins with graduated youth, and host events throughout the year, continuing to expose the youth to sporting events, theatre, and similar cultural experiences.



#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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# HISTORIC HOPEWELL FOUNDATION LUNCH & LEARN

June 22	Randy Watkins	"A Slick Bit of Cattle Rustling! Wade Hampton's Great Beefsteak Raid"
June 29	Richard Cheatham	John Tyler: America's Greatest President? Some Scholars Think So
July 6	The Press Gang	Sea Shanties Pirate Style
July 13	Ariana Calos & John Eliades	Downtown Hopewell: Wild West to Wonder City
July 20	Johnny Jones	Gospel Music Presentation
July 27	Rebecca Suerdieck	Beginner's Guide to Virginia's Colonial Churches
August 3	Paula McDonough	The Woodson's of Jamestown Colony
August 10	Karen A. Chase	Carrying and Caring for The Declaration of Independence
August 17	H. Lee Dixon	Fred Harvey Hotels and The Harvey Girls
August 24	Rubin Peacock & Jennie Dotts	Rubin Peacock- Contemporary Art in Historic Settings
August 31	Jeanie Langford	Titanic: The Local Connections

Where: Hopewell American Legion - 217 East City Point Road

When: All programs start at 12 p.m. and end about 1 p.m.

What: Bring a lunch or order food at the American Legion. Drink and dessert provided.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you need more information, please email <a href="mailto:admin@historichopewell.org">admin@historichopewell.org</a> or call 804-458-4682.



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May 22nd - October 30th SUNDAYS (12-3pm)











Come mingle at the Opening Day of our family-friendly, outdoor market while shopping for fresh produce, crafts, and baked goods made or grown with care by local and regional farmers and artisans. Our rotating vendors are from Hopewell, Prince George, Dinwiddie, Petersburg, Chester, Chesterfield County, and Richmond. \*Dogs are welcome on leashes.

Our market accepts SNAP/EBT and offers Virginia Fresh Match incentives to enable customers to double their SNAP/EBT dollars when buying fruits and vegetables.



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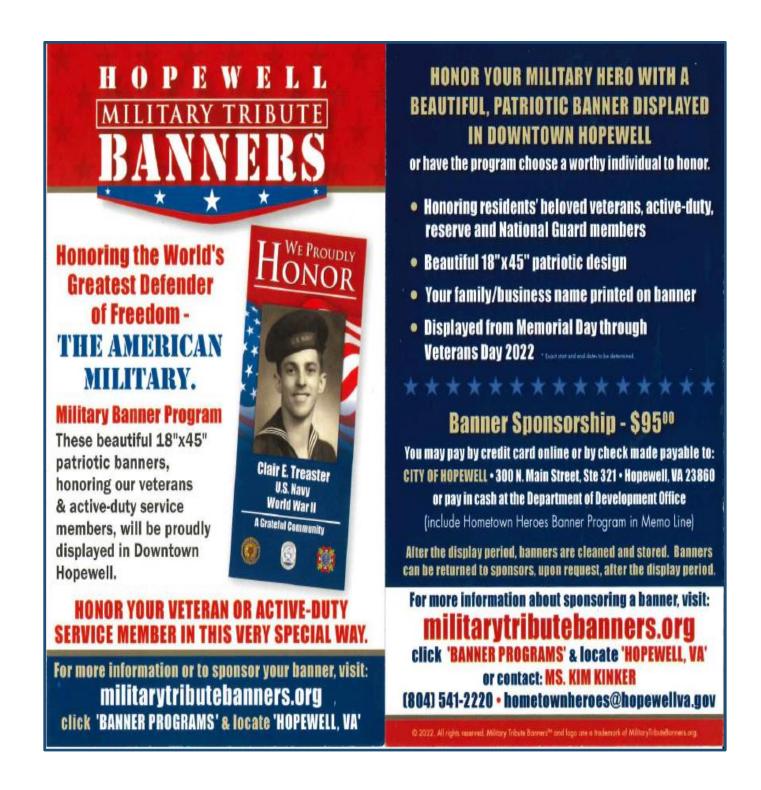


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#### **VETERANS** and their Families

Our Itinerant Site - Hopewell Veterans Benefits Office, located at 226 N. Main Street, Suite 200, Hopewell, VA is open for face-to-face appointments on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month Hours: 8AM to 4PM.

By appointment only.

For Appointments, please call: (804)-773-0864 Or Email: Jeremy.pierce@dvs.virginia.gov

On Site Benefits Representatives will be from Central Regional VDVS Offices

Please provide your name, number, Veterans name and a brief description of the assistance needed.

We will get back to you as promptly as possible with an appointment time.

NOTE: Specific guidelines regarding in person appointments will be provided when the appointment is scheduled. VDVS offices will not be taking walk-ins as there will be no lobby space or waiting rooms available on site.





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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS & SERVICES**







#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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# NOW HIRING

FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS
FULL-TIME ALS PROVIDERS
PART-TIME ALS PROVIDERS

# HOPEWELL FIRE AND RESCUE



BE REWARDED FOR UP TO 6
YEARS OF PREVIOUS 911
EXPERIENCE IMMEDIATELY!!!

#### **Salary**

Entry - \$49,049.48

Step 1 - \$50.303.38 (1 Year)

Step 2 - \$51,578.82 (2 Years)

**Step 3 - \$52,886.60 (3 Years)** 

**Step 4 - \$54,227.54 (4 Years)** 

**Step 5 - \$55,602.48 (5 Years)** 

Step 6 - \$57, 012.28 (6 Years)



https://hopewellva.gov/employment-opportunities/





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### **Situational Awareness Training**



Hopewell Fire and Rescue members have been taking part in Safety Stand down week. The theme of the week was Situational Awareness. Members on all three shifts are being taught by Training Captain Adam Schuknecht during the week were they are taught how Situational Awareness effects Structure Fires, EMS responses, Wildland Fire Fighting, Roadside Emergencies, Acts of Violence.





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## **Employment Opportunity**



You may have noticed our two new hiring banners up in the city. One is located on Rt. 36 across from the Visitor Center, and the other is on Rt. 10 by the Municipal Building. We would like to thank Officer Shwan Agha for designing the banner and coordinating with a local business, Johnson Printing Service for their help. As our banner states, we are hiring NEW and EXPERIENCED officers! Contact our recruitment officer at 804-541-2303 for further information, or go to our website for more information.

#### www.hopewellva.gov/police





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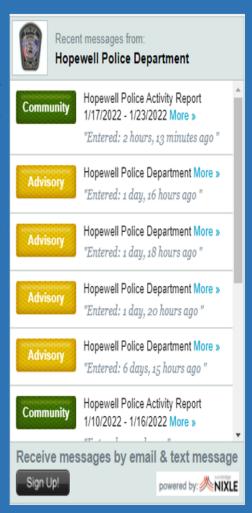
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# Public Safety Information

The Police Department published information on their Facebook page on how citizens can receive live updates on major incidents, severe weather updates, traffic incidents and local event information. Once you register, you will be automatically enrolled into our Nixle program.

To register, please text '23860' to 888777.





Sign up for alerts and severe weather updates!





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This week, the Hopewell Police Department Community Engagement Team along with Patrol Officers enjoyed spending time with Hopewell Recreation and Parks Summer Camp.

These fantastic kids met a weekly goal and wanted to play kickball with their Officers as a reward - This was such an honor! Afterwards everyone enjoyed popsicles and played word games on the board. We look forward to next week already.

During the first week of the Good to Great Teen Program, students participated in several classes throughout the week. Classes included Team Building, Determination V. Final Destination, Dream Strategy, Social Skills, Gang Deterrent, and Encounters with Police.

The students visited The James House, Hopewell River Walk, and enjoyed an afternoon of kickball with Police and Fire personnel.





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Is your organization and personnel prepared for a Violent Critical Incident?

Such as an: ACTIVE SHOOTER

Don't wait until disaster happens !!

Get prepared TODAY !!

\*Businesses \*Schools \*Universities \*Churches

\*Hospitals \*Government Facilities

Don't wait, call TODAY and get the information on this very important and FREE training.

Contact Instructor Deputy Richard Wade 100 East Broadway Hopewell, VA 23860 (804) 243-8404

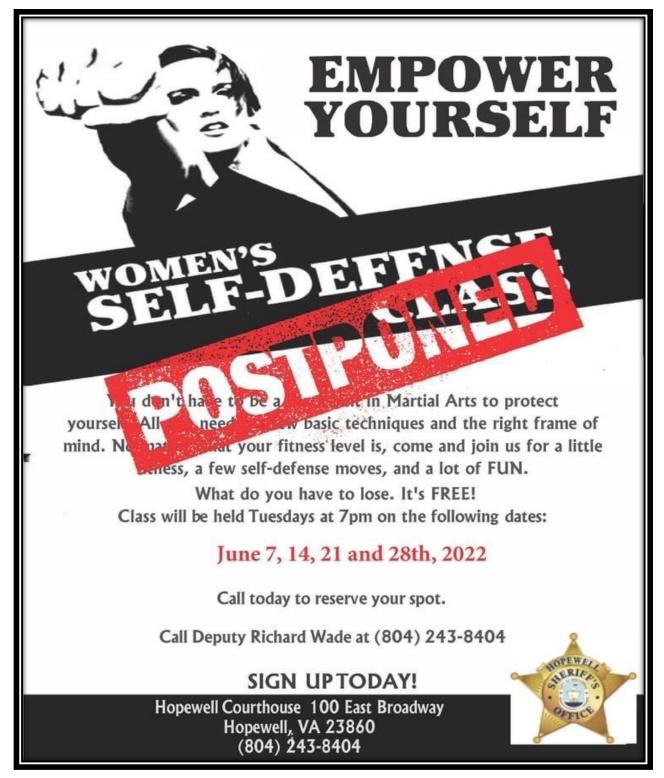


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#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**







#### **RECREATION & PARKS**







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June 17

## RECREATION AND PARKS

Friday Pool Party

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

June 18	Roslyn Landing Kayak Trip
June 18	Kickoff to Summer
June 21	Adventure Summer Camp (Week 2)
	No camp Monday due to Juneteenth Holiday
June 22	Wednesday Wonders
June 22	Little Rec'ers

June 23 Discovery Rangers June 24 Maps and Compasses

Registration for all programs is accepted online through the Department's Eventbrite portal. Please visit the portal to learn more about each activity and to register.

#### www.hopewellrecandparks.com/programs





#### **CITY COUNCIL**

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# City of Hopewell Boards, Commissions, and Authorities Vacancies

Serving on a Board, Commission or Authority can be a rewarding experience for community service-minded citizens. It is an excellent way to participate in the functioning of local government and to make a personal contribution to the improvement of our community. Listed below are the Boards with vacancies:

**Architectural Review Board** 

**Board of Zoning Appeals** 

**Economic Development Authority** 

**Historic Preservation Committee** 

**Library Board** 

**Planning Commission** 

**Recreation Commission** 

For more information, please contact Molli 191 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:mbess@hopewellva.gov">mbess@hopewellva.gov</a>.



Click below to apply for any of the vacancies.

TO APPLY



#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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### **Upcoming Meetings of City Council**

• July 12, 2022 (Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.)



All City and State Offices are closed Monday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday.



Patience Bennett

Mayor, Ward 7



Johnny Partin
Vice Mayor, Ward 3



Deborah Randolph
Ward 1



Arlene Holloway

Ward 2



Jasmine Gore
Ward 4



Janice Denton
Ward 5



Brenda S.Pelham Ward 6